Mt. Hood Ski Patrol

Snojob

October 2012

REMINDER: Pre-dispatch Deadline for ALL Patrollers and Hosts is October 15th

President's Message

By Steve Eversmeyer, President, HC 1170

First, my apologies go out to the winners who designed the 75th anniversary emblems. I should have included this last month. There were a number of good designs but in the end your council chose a mountain background/shield design by Jodie Jeffers and a different shield design by Matt Heller, brother of Robyn Gelfand. Look for the winning designs on clothing from Andrew and the clothing committee. Thank you to all who submitted a design for us to consider!

It's been a busy September already for many of you. We completed our swap, thank you to all, from the Chairs who were consistently the first there and last to leave, to all of the patrol members and West Linn High folks that helped. By the time you read this our first OEC class will also be done and we'll be close to the second refresher and second chair evac. As you participate in the refreshers and other activities, please take a minute and thank the folks that are working to facilitate things, provide instruction, act as patients, etc. I especially want to thank all of the people helping with the ECC (Event Catering Committee) after the chair evac. These are the folks setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

Our first meeting will be October 8 and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Take a look at your equipment and clothing; Andrew Degner's email note listed all the things you should be checking. You need to make sure your uniform is ready for the season, with all of the patches in the correct places, securely fastened, in a way that keeps the water out. If you're not sure what you should have, please check the Wiki. I have patches and shields for all of the apprentices who missed the May banquet. Please contact me or catch me at the OEC refreshers and chair evac or the meeting. I will not be at the November refresher and we'll be skiing (I usually am) by then anyway…

Check the calendar for coming events, dispatch deadlines, meetings, etc. As always I appreciate how much we accomplish working together. I mentioned it last month but it bears repeating; think about what you can contribute to the patrol to make it better for everyone. We're still working to meet with the areas and formalize benefits but we don't expect much to change, at least from our side.

See you soon at an OEC, chair evac or the general meeting. If you have a suggestion, please pass it on. Even though we've been serving the mountain community for 75 years, we remain open to ideas and suggestions. The nominating committee, headed by Joel Stevens will be looking for people to run for our leadership positions. If you can't do that, think about who you would like to see in those spots, talk with them and let Joel know.

Thank you all, it's all of you that make ski patrolling fun!!!

ADMINISTRATION

Preliminary Swap Report

By Stewart Carter, HC 1559 and Pat Stevens, Honorary #8

Palette jacks are flying by, most empty now. All the vendor merchandise has been loaded and is on the way back to the shops and the last of the public is picking up their gear. The 2012 Mt. Hood SnoSports Swap is winding down. Did I mention that although no one has had lunch, the remaining volunteers are really putting a dent in the food and drink donations on the HR table? Thank you all who brought goodies to share!

As the Swap Committee projected, with the change of venue and the September date, the numbers were down this year. The good news is while admissions ran at about the same level as the 2009 Swap; the average patron spent almost 50% more than they did that year, pushing 2012 sales up close to the $150k mark – a very strong foundation to build on.

Our vendors were impressed with the facility, the layout, the organization and how much customer traffic we were able to generate even with the new location (thank you marketing). The feeling is that we are firmly on a growth path and in a facility that will be able to accommodate the SnoSports Swap for years to come.

I want to personally applaud the committee chairs, team leads and their families. Most of these individuals logged over 100 hours of their personal time insuring that all the pieces were in place to make this year's transition work, properly laying the corner stone for future events.

When we get in the final figures, there will be a report to the patrol letting you know the details and figures. We appreciate everyone's continued support. It wouldn't be a swap without you!

Friday night security team

MHSP Now Takes Credit Cards

By Gina Malamphy, Treasurer, AS 90303

MHSP will now be offering the use of credit cards to pay dues and buy stuff (like gear, clothing and Sno-park permits) starting with our first OEC Refresher on September 29. Cash is always accepted but if you choose to pay by the antiquated method of using a check, please note that a timely deposit isn't always possible. This is the major reason for us to now offer the convenience of plastic...for both you and your Treasurer.

David Hall performed his song "Timberline" at the Tribute to Tradition concert on September 3rd.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A Look Back

By Lisa Hargrave, SHC #1053

In the Beginning…

It was early 1937. FDR was sworn in for a second term as president. New Deal programs such as the Works Progress Administration were in full swing. The unemployment rate was still over 14% but that was down from a high of 25% in 1934. Internationally, American volunteers were fighting fascism in Spain, hostilities were about to break out between Japan and China, and Germany had re-occupied the Rhineland; but the events that would lead to WWII were still in the future.

Locally, Mt. Hood was a popular destination for adventure. Summit Ski Area (then called the Winter Sports Facility) had been in operation since 1927 and ski jumping competitions had drawn crowds since 1929. Numerous climbing clubs operated on the mountain. Construction on the WPA's Timberline Lodge had begun the year before and the winter of 1937 was the first that the road to Timberline was kept open.

With vehicle access to 6000', skiing exploded. However, it was still an extreme adventure sport that involved arduous uphill climbs and careening down ungroomed and unmarked forest trails. The lack of safety equipment and inexperience of most skiers meant that many people became injured and stranded in the alpine wilderness with only their untrained companions to help them.

It was inevitable that the climbers of the Wy'East Climbers and the Nile River Yacht Club (who had club cabins located near today's Wy'East run at Timberline) would become involved in the rescue of these injured skiers. And so it happened that, at the prompting of the club leaders, the US Forest Service hired a notable young climber named Hank Lewis to be the first paid ski patroller on Mt. Hood and to form a volunteer rescue force.

Through the efforts of Hank Lewis, Wy'East President Everett Darr, and Nile River Captain Barney Macnab, fifty volunteers were recruited. By March of 1938 bylaws had been hammered out and officers elected. MHSP was an official organization with Barney Macnab as president and Hank Lewis as patrol chief.

Since the patrol was operating under the direction of the Forest Service, the shape of the USFS shield was adopted as the patrol emblem (MHSP is the only organization authorized to do so). Each member was awarded a silver pin with their badge number engraved on it; the first fifty numbers being awarded by lottery. This tradition continues today. At the completion of training every new patroller receives a badge that continues the numbers that began with Barney Macnab, #1.

Photos: Wy'east Cabin; Wy'east Climbers on the summit; Skiers above timberline 1935;

Other Happenings in History

1927
- Summit Ski area opens in Gov't Camp

1929
- Ski jump at Cascade Hill opens

1935
- Mt. Mansfield Ski Patrol founded in Stowe, VT

1936
- Hoover Dam completed (Mar)
- Timberline Lodge construction begins (Jun 11)
- Jesse Owens wins at the Berlin Olympics (Aug)

1937
- FDR sworn in for second term (Jan)
- Hindenburg disaster (May)
- Golden Gate Bridge opens (May)
- Amelia Earhart disappears (Jul)
- Timberline dedicated (Sep 28)
- Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (Dec)

1938
- Completion of Timberline Lodge interior (Feb)
- National Ski Patrol founded (Mar)
- Germany invades Austria (Mar)
- Orson Welles' War of the Worlds Broadcast (Oct)

1939
- Germany invades Poland, WWII begins (Sep)
- Magic Mile Chairlift opened (Nov)

Next month: History of Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and the National Ski Patrol System

Would you like to contribute* A Look Back *feature? Contact Lisa Hargrave at Snojobeditor@gmail.com.

Capturing our History

One of the goals of the anniversary (in addition to celebrating and having fun) is to collect and curate our history. Over the years small collections of photos, papers and memorabilia have been assembled only to disappear into basements and estates. With the internet and the Mt. Hood History Museum and Cultural Center it is now possible to collect our historical artifacts and secure them for the future.

If you have:

- Any photos of patrollers in action (past or present)
- Patrol buttons prior to 1984
- Membership Rosters prior to 1984
- Old uniform bibs, or armbands
- Old MHSP branded hats, sweaters or other apparel
- Newsletters prior to 2003
- Any Council minutes or correspondence

Start digging around for them. Shortly we will have a photo site for you to upload your digital photos. We are looking for ways to assist you with scanning physical photographs or documents that you are not willing to part with. We would also like to obtain or photograph any patrol items you may have.

Contact Lisa Hargrave for more information, to arrange a donation, or if you are interested in helping to curate an exhibit for the Mt. Hood museum.

75th Anniversary Celebration

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Thursday, February 28, 2013, 5-10ish

MHSP will be celebrating our 75th anniversary with a history fair and reunion.

Location? Specific location to be announced as soon as the contract is signed, but it will be in-town.

What? Food, drink, mingling, memorabilia and fun.

Why Thursday? So members who are hosting or patrolling on the weekend may attend.

Why not in March? To tie in with the Mt. Hood History Museum's Ski the Glade event that weekend.

75th Anniversary Commemorative Poster

Jason Laramie, former apprentice patroller, came up with this great design. It is available as a suitable-for framing art poster or a t-shirt.

Proceeds from poster and shirt sales will go toward funding an MHSP exhibit at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum.

Posters are $20 and t-shirts are $15.

Purchases may be made at general membership meetings, the October alumni luncheon, the Ski Fever show, and select training events.

FIRST AID

First Aid Chief

By Cleo Howell, First Aid Chief, AS1444

OEC Refreshers

We have completed one of three OEC Refreshers. If you have not attended a Refresher please Dispatch for one of the remaining Refreshers on October 6 or November 3. The Refreshers are at Meridian Park Hospital. Registration opens at 07:15 and we start at 08:00 sharp.

It is important that you attend an OEC Refresher even if you don't think that you will patrol this year. It is extremely difficult for you to make up a missed Refresher.

First Aid Kudos

You have probably heard me say that your first aid skills can and are being used in your community. Your first aid skills and your willingness to step in when help is needed are very commendable and valuable to those in your community. Listed below are just a few of the people that have used their first aid skills recently in the community:

John Lacey – John witnessed a serious motorcycle crash on a freeway in Washington. John triaged the situation and provided care for the two patients. Before it was all over John had to treat another rider for heat exhaustion as she waited at the scene in the hot weather.

Dave Miller – Dave witnessed a bicycle vs. car crash in his own neighborhood. Dave was also riding a bicycle and did not have any first aid gear with him. Dave assessed the patient, stabilized the patient's severely injured leg, got the SAMPLE questions answered and basically reassured the patient until the local EMS personnel arrived. He even got a bystander to take photos of him providing first aid.

Eric Carlson – Eric was in exactly the right place while on a camping trip. A friend choked on a piece of meat and was unable to breath. Without hesitation Eric got the friend to stand up and then he used the Heimlich maneuver on her. The piece of meat popped out and the friend sat down and continued eating. Way to go Eric!!

Steven Shafer – While at a Hood River restaurant Steven heard some glass break and then realized that an employee had a severe laceration on her foot. Steven got his first aid gear from his car and worked with another person to provide first aid to the employee. They stopped the bleeding and bandaged the wound. Steven just finished the OEC Course in May.

Jeff Ezzell – Jeff was sitting in traffic on his way to work when he saw a towed crane crash into a school bus shoving it over 50 feet and leaving it precariously balanced on two wheels. Jeff was able to climb through the front window of the bus to assess and stabilize the patient before paramedics arrived. Photos: http://www.oregonlive.com/hillsboro/index.ssf/2012/09/hillsboro_police_say_cranes_bo.html

Great job guys!! Keep up the good work!

Homemade Cravats

Sometimes it is helpful to have a cravat that is larger than the commercial ones that we purchase in bulk. I suggest that you make at least two large cravats for your first aid pack. Check out this illustrated guide http://www.dhsp.org/fannypack/cravatpage.html.

SKI PATROL OPERATIONS

Patrol Chief

By David Atkinson, Patrol Chief, HC 1239

READY, SET, GO!!!!!!!!!

Wow! It's hard to believe that the summer is winding down, and fall is kicking into gear. We all know what that means. Yes, it's time to start training and preparing ourselves for the upcoming ski season. Most of you have started some of the training activities that took place in September, but we have many more to go. Look at your calendars now and start prioritizing dates for patrolling activities, as well as getting yourself in mental and physical shape for this season! MHSP puts in a tremendous amount of hours of volunteering during the ski season, and I want everyone to know how much the areas appreciate us! So, training and refreshing is next on our agenda for October/November. Make sure you sign up for our upcoming mandatory OEC refreshers, Chair Evacuation and CPR updates if you need them. **Please communicate with me if you have any issues preventing you from your training requirements!**

The Areas

We will be meeting with the ski areas soon to get organized and iron out all the benefit details and area specific changes for this coming season. So stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

Your Commitment

Remember that your benefits package that you sign up for at the OEC refreshers are based on your days you put in the 2011-2012 season. If you **fulfilled** your commitment level last season, **you may sign up for any level this season**. If you did not fulfill your commitment level last season, **you may only sign up for the level below last season**. Look at your schedule early and sign up for your preferred days early so you are assured of getting those specific days you want. This is your time of year to decide how many days of incredible skiing and riding you want to get in. Remember, we have minimum days per module to dispatch, so please be aware of this requirement and don't try to frontload you commitment days!

Training and Clinics

We will be offering some wonderful options for all members of the MHSP again this season. **All Hill patrollers will be required to be checked off on toboggan handling!** Details and dates to follow when these sessions are available. Toby and the training staff will be offering women's clinics, toboggan enhancement seminars, skiing skills clinics and many more great opportunities taught by the best of the best from our own patrol and beyond. If you have never attended the Nuts and Bolts three-day clinic in June, put in on your calendar to attend this year. Jeffrey Weitz has expanded the clinics to include many more classes for Instructors and patrollers. You don't want to miss it! Senior ski and toboggan (S&T) courses will be offered throughout the season and are open to all those hill patrollers who want to advance their skills and techniques in the transportation disciplines.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the training events and on the slopes this season! Let it snow!

Hill Captain & Associate Supervisor Meeting

The meeting will be on Wednesday October 24th @ 7pm, location TBD. I wanted to give everyone notice now, so that you can put it on your calendar for planning purposes.

Associate Director

By Kathy Lee, Associate Director, SS 90232

The Swap, Chair Evac, OEC, CPR updates – a lot of events as we get ready for another fun filled year of patrolling. And as we look forward to the first big dump of snow on the mountain, sometimes there are life changes that impact the amount of time that can be committed to patrolling. If you find yourself in that situation or are thinking of going inactive, please contact me as well as David Atkinson, our patrol chief.

Associate Ski Enhancement

Margaret Usher is again offering to work with Associates to improve their skiing skills. Rather than organizing specific dates for group clinics, she will work with you on an individual basis. Check the dispatch for dates when she is scheduled to be on the mountain and contact her to set up a session.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or suggestions about our patrol. I look forward to skiing with you soon.

NSP Senior Transportation Training

By Jeffrey Weitz, 2012-2013 PNWD Alpine Transportation Advisor, Wy'East Region Senior Transportation Advisor and Tom Payne, Wy'East Region Assistant Senior Transportation Advisor

The Mt Hood Ski Patrol has been providing Senior-level patroller training for decades.

Check out http://www.mthoodskipatrol.org/wiki/uploads/Skills/2012-13%20Alpine%20Senior%20Training%20Program.pdf for a summary of the Senior Transportation Program to better understand how we conduct our Senior Transportation Program in MHSP, in Wy'east Region, and Pacific Northwest Division. This should answer most questions regarding our senior program. Additionally, our Senior S&T Instructors are always available to answer questions or provide guidance to candidates or thinking about becoming candidates.

This season we will be holding our Senior Transportation Training Clinics in conjunction with the Oregon Region and we are offering multiple dates for those wishing to participate both at Mt. Hood and around the Oregon Region as well. We will be posting all the dates for Senior Transportation Training Clinics being offered this coming season on the PNWD Calendar on the Website at www.nsp-pnwd.org

Additional clinics will be conducted in other regions as well in Washington and Idaho and all senior candidates are welcome to participate at outside areas with permission from your local region advisor.

If you would like to train for the Senior final evaluations being held at Mt. Hood this season on April 7, 2012 Please contact Jeffrey Weitz or Tom Payne to get signed up for the program and scheduled into some of the clinics.

In addition, all patrollers who have completed the Senior Program and become NSP Alpine Seniors must take a refresher course once every three years to maintain their Senior status. All Senior Patrollers are welcome to participate in one or more clinics offered in our division which will satisfy this requirement.

Hope to see you out on the slopes or around the region soon!

Instructor Development

Check out the Instructor Development course. It covers various areas of educational knowledge that can be applied to create a positive learning experience, not only while teaching ski patrol topics but in other areas of your work and personal life. The course is scheduled for two evenings, 11/13/11 and 11/27/11, and is on the dispatch (both dates are required). For more information, contact Jodie Jeffers, tailwaggin1@me.com.

Did You Know?

It is a hiring requirement for paid patrollers at the major areas to be able to climb 1,000 feet in an hour. As a point of reference that is from the top of Pucci to the top of the Mile. This last season the patrollers at Timberline each completed a test climb – in full patrol gear wearing pack, ski boots and carrying their skis. Word is that the record was a little over 20 minutes and that most completed the hike in 30-40.

Of course volunteers are not subject to the climbing requirement. But if you were thinking of adding some stairs to your workout . . .

MOUNTAIN HOST OPERATIONS

Mountain Hosts

By Jan Silagi, Mountain Host Director, HS60054

The Season Begins

With the SnoSports Swap behind us, it's time to move forward into the new season. A big thank you, to all Hosts who fulfilled your swap shift requirement to support the Mountain Hosts and Mt. Hood Ski Patrol's annual fundraiser!

Orientation

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, is the annual Host Orientation at Timberline Lodge. This is the only all membership training day of the year and all Hosts should attend.

Orientation begins at 8:30am with our new apprentice class and all supervisors in attendance. Any active member who wishes to join us in the morning is welcome. The focus of the morning is an introduction of our program and procedures for our apprentices and an opportunity for apprentices and Host leadership to meet.

All active members should join us at 12:30pm for lunch and the afternoon session. We will begin by welcoming our newest active members, presenting our current apprentice class for 2012-2013 and recognizing recipients of the 20 Shift Pin. The afternoon will then focus on new information and procedures for the coming season, and an opportunity for membership to hear from representatives from Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Skibowl.

Membership dues may be paid at the Orientation, and release forms and contact information will be collected. This year you will have the option of paying your MHSP dues with a credit/debit card or by check. You may also want to bring along your check book to purchase radio harnesses, or other clothing/uniform items.

I hope you are all as eager as I am to start the season! See you on October 13th!

DEALS ON GEAR

Hillcrest Welcomes Members to Pro Night

The Hillcrest Sports Pro Night is rapidly approaching. This is an excellent opportunity for patrollers and hosts (sorry, no friends or family) to pick up new equipment at great pricing. There will also be a selection of helmets, gloves, goggles, and clothing at 20% off.

Hillcrest is again offering a complimentary ski/binding safety check to hosts and patrollers. The free check is available October 1-31.

If you have any questions, please contact Hillcrest or Bill Johnson, HS #60001.

OTHER NEWS

Hoodlums Hit Seaside

By Kathy Lee, Hoodlum-in-chief, AS 90232

Still upright and with all body parts intact, the Mt Hood Ski Patrol Hoodlums crossed the finish line at Seaside with a great crowd to cheer us on. It was another great year for the Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast Relay, and the team placed 5th in the Masters Division, 48th overall out of 407 teams.

A huge thank you to our team sponsors: Nora Collins / Ability Physical Therapy for a very generous donation to the team, Terry Niedermeyer / Display Star for signage on the vehicles, banners, and providing one vehicle, Craig Savage for supplying the second vehicle, and a donation from Diane Kindall Potter / Oregon City Electrolysis. Thank you, thank you - your support of the team made it happen!

This is a terrific team effort by everyone – volunteers, drivers and walkers. Our volunteers are so important that without them, the team would be disqualified. Thank you to Judy Madsen, Jaye Miller and Mark Ripkey. Our drivers, James Schuler and John 'Road Warrior' Howard, did another awesome job getting us safely to Seaside.

Congratulations to the walkers for a great effort in the 130 mile leap frog journey – Larry Cahill, Chuck Cahill, Nora Collins, Bill High, Linda High, Sheril Karstens, Gayle Maize, Diane Potter, Steve Potter, Craig Savage and Margaret Usher.

An outstanding team effort!

Patrollers out and about

HP 1666, Betsy Platt's special participation in Cycle Oregon was profiled by the Oregonian.

How she rolls: Acupuncturist on Cycle Oregon leaves early, arrives early
http://mobile.oregonlive.com/advorg/db_/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=yTn0Ql2Z&full=true#display

Travel Oregon Salutes Timberline Lodge

http://traveloregon.com/trip-ideas/oregon-stories/timberline-lodge-a-sense-of-place/

Snojob Deadline is the Third Monday of the Month

Lisa Hargrave, Snojob Editor, HC 1053 and Barb Korsmo, Copy Editor, Alumni AP 90260

The deadline for Snojob articles and photos is the third Monday of each month (7 days after the general meeting). Send your submissions to snojobeditor@gmail.com.

Articles: Please submit as the body of your email rather than an attached document. If you have a long article covering several topics please break it into several articles covering one topic each.

Photos: Send as an attachment in JPG format. Be sure to identify who took the picture, where it is and who is in it.

CALENDAR

For the most current information and details check the online calendar at www.mhspdispatch.org.

October

1	Council Meeting
6	OEC Refresher
8	General Meeting
13	Chair Evac at Summit
	Host Orientation at Timberline
15	Dispatch Deadline for Nov-Dec
	Snojob Deadline
16	OEC Full Class Orientation
24	HC/AS Meeting
28	Apprentice Work Party
30	Alumni Luncheon

November

2-4	Ski Fever Show
3	OEC Refresher
12	General Meeting
13	Instructor Development
19	Snojob Deadline
26	Level 1 Avalanche begins
27	Instructor Development

December

4	Apprentice OEC Class begins
8	Make-up Chair Evac
10	General Meeting
12	Avalanche Awareness for Apprentices
13	Transfer Patroller Meeting
17	Snojob Deadline